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1. In mid-October, the labor unions of Shanghai were being reorganized, and all ILLEGIB

assist the secretary general of Shanghai Federation of Labor Unions,
MAO Chi-hua. 25X1C

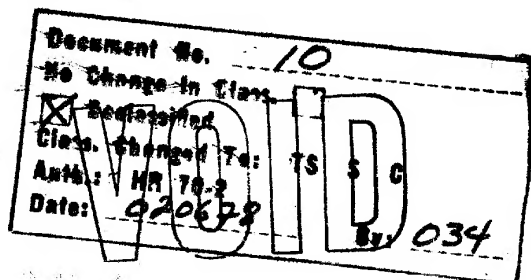
3. The former district liaison offices of the Federation of Labor Unions were replaced by five branch offices, in order to give the central organization a more direct approach to factory affairs and to make possible more intensive union activity. The East Shanghai Branch Office is headed by CH'EN Chung-ch'i, with SHEN Mo as his deputy. In the West Shanghai branch, the head is T'ANG Kuei-shao, the deputy

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A preparatory committee for the reorganization of the Shanghai General Labor Union has been busy during the last two months toward a formal inauguration in the very near future. Many company unions have been consolidated, since 1 October, into industrial unions, such as the following:

- Restaurant Workers Union
- Film Producers Union
- Paper Manufacturers Labor Union
- Gas Manufacturers Labor Union
- Garment Workers Union



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- f. Printers Labor Union
- g. Department Stores Labor Union
- h. Clerical Employees and Workers Union

5. In addition the following company-wide unions have been reorganized since 1 October:

- a. Shanghai Electric Construction Co. Labor Union*
- b. Shanghai Window Co. Labor Union**
- c. Shanghai Telephone Co. Labor Union
- d. China Textile Industries Inc., Mill No. 2 Labor Union
- e. Bank of China Labor Union
- f. Shanghai Power Co. Labor Union

6. Workers of the private owned utilities have also been organized into an overall Municipal Utilities Labor Union, composed of twenty-six unions of the various public utilities. Government employees are also organizing unions; such as, the Shanghai Public Transport Co. Labor Union, the Shanghai District Railway Administration Workers Union, and the Government Radio Administration Labor Union.

7. Significant points of the Constitution of the Shanghai Telephone Company Labor Union show the relationship of the company union to the industry or utilities union to the general union, as follows:

- a. "Article 8. The STCLU is a member of the SGLU and shall follow its guidance and act upon all resolutions passed by it.
- b. "Article 9. ... the lower organization shall obey the higher, the member shall obey the Union.
- c. "Article 24. The Constitution of the Union shall be ...submitted to its higher Union, to take effect after its approval....
- c. "Article 26. The Union shall be a branch Union of the Shanghai Municipal Utilities Labor Union and the Constitution of the Union shall be based upon the constitution of the SMULU...."

25X1A* [REDACTED] Comment. The Shanghai Electric Construction Co. operates the street railways of the former International Settlement.

25X1A** [REDACTED] Comment. The Shanghai Window Co. is probably the Shanghai Steel Windows Co.

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